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Closure of Schools in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 12,000 primary schools in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are facing the threat of closure for want of poor enrolment and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government proposes to sent any team to the affected States to know the exact reasons and to take remedial measures to revive the schools; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) : As per the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE), 2014-15, the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana were 88.21% & 103.57% at primary level and 79.47% & 90.89% at upper primary level respectively. Andhra Pradesh has reported closure of 879 schools during 2014-15 & 2015-16 and Telangana has reported closure of 2510 schools during 2010-11 (for 10 districts of Telangana that were part of Andhra Pradesh then) to 2015-16. This is a part of the process of consolidation and rationalization of low enrolment schools undertaken by these States.
The States have reported that they have taken adequate safeguards to ensure that neighbourhood access of any child is not affected by this exercise.
(b): No, Madam.
(c): Does not arise.
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